

**New Mexico - Chama Field Office**  
**FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

**1. Plants - 25 Potential Points**

| Note: Instructions on separate sheet |  | % Area in Contract Before Treatment | % Area in Contract After Treatment. | Potential Points | Points - Bench Mark | Points - After |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Rangelands:</b>                   | SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 25                  |                |
| Ecological                           | SI of 51-75 with upward trend            | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 22                  |                |
| Site                                 | SI of 51-75 with downward trend          | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 18                  |                |
| Similarity                           | SI of 26-50 with upward trend            | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 12                  |                |
| Index                                | SI of 26-50 with downward trend          | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 10                  |                |
| (SI)*                                | SI of 0-25 with upward trend             | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 5                   |                |
|                                      | SI of 0-25 with downward trend           | %                                   | + + =                               | %                | 0                   |                |
| <b>Riparian</b>                      | Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3                | % Quality Bench Mark:               | % Quality After:                    | %                | 25                  |                |
| <b>Grazed Forest:</b>                | Use Attachment 4                         | % Quality Bench Mark:               | % Quality After:                    | %                | 25                  |                |
| <b>1. Plants</b>                     |  | Total                               | 100%                                | Total            | 100%                | <b>Total:</b>  |

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 50 Potential Points**

| Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Max. points per practice 1 |  |  |  | Potential Points | Percent of Need to be Installed | Points - After |
|---|--|--|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Soil Erosion</b>   |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (314, 342, 380, 410, 548, 460, 528A, 550, 580, 584, 638),  |  |  |  | <b>11</b>        |                                 |                |
| <b>Water Quantity</b>   |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (378, 516, 521A&C, 533, 574, 614, 642)   |  |  |  | <b>7</b>         |                                 |                |
| <b>Water Quality</b>  |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (342, 410, 412, 548, 590, 595A, 378, 547, 584, 638)  |  |  |  | <b>10</b>        |                                 |                |
| <b>Air</b>  |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (460, 380, 386)  |  |  |  | <b>3</b>         |                                 |                |
| <b>Plants</b>   |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (314, 326, 342, 460, 590, 550, 595, 612)   |  |  |  | <b>8</b>         |                                 |                |
| <b>Animals</b>  |  |  |  |                  |                                 |                |
| Practice Codes (382, 516, 521A&C, 528A, 574, 612, 614, 642, 645, 648, 380)  |  |  |  | <b>11</b>        |                                 |                |
| <b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>   |  |  |  | <b>Total:</b>    |                                 |                |

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**3. Other Considerations - 25 Potential Points**

| Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here. | Potential Points |  | Points - After |
|--|------------------|--|----------------|
| A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.  | 4                |  |                |
| B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.  | 2                |  |                |
| C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.  | 2                |  |                |
| D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.  | 2                |  |                |
| E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.      | 15               |  |                |
|  |                  |  |                |
| <b>3. Other Considerations</b>   | <b>Total:</b>    |  |                |

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**Designated Conservationist**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**